Suspension of air taxi permits

1544. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air Taxi permits of some private Airlines were suspended recently, due to security lapses;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken to ensure that the Private Airlines follow the prescribed safety guidelines in their aircrafts and helicopters ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Whenever licence is issued to a private air taxi operator, he is given a comprehensive set of security regulations to be followed by him. Officers of the Bureau of Civil Aviation Security during their formal inspection of airports, brief the security staff of air taxi operators on civil aviation security. In addition, the Bureau also organises training programmes.

Arbitrary fares charged by the private airlines

1545. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to press news item captioned "No norms for air taxi fares" as reported in the Times of India dated the 14th January, 1993;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether the private airlines operating in the country are charging fares according to the rules; and

(d) if not, the action Government propose to take against them ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) The news item contains a report that the ticketing agents of an Air Taxi Operator charged exhorbitant fares from passengers.

(c) and (d) Under the guidelines for air taxi operations, there is no restriction on fares.

Reduction in Services of Air India

1546. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that while the airlines world over have been increasing their frequency on the contrary the Air India has scrapped one of its highly lucrative services in the New York-London-Ahmedabad sector and has been reducing services from the West to Delhi-Bombay;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the estimated loss suffered by Air India as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Air India has not scrapped any of its services on the New York-London-Ahmedabad sector nor has it reduced services from the West to Delhi/Bombay.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Development of Infrastructural facilities for Tourists in Karnataka

1547. SHRI PRABHAKAR B. KORE : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether Karnataka Government has sent a proposal to the Central Government for comprehensive and integrated project for the development of infrastructural facilities for tourists at an estimated cost of Rs. 110.60 crores with a provision of Japanese assistance during the year 1992-93; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) The State Government of Karnataka have submitted a proposal with an estimated cost of Rs. 110.60 crores for the development of infrastructural facilities at selected tourist spots in Karnataka for financial assistance

from the Government of Japan. The proposal includes augmentation and strengthening of infrasturctural facilities like roads, electricity, water supply, telecommunications, etc.

Development of Maharashtra as a Tourist Circuit

1548. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO :

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether he, in a meeting with the Chief Minister of Maharashtra and other M.Ps announced in July, 1992 his decision to give a tourist circuit to Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, whether this decision has been implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A tourist circuit in Maharashtra covering Raigad Fort-Janjira Fort-Kuda Caves-Srivardhan-Harihareshwar-Sindhudurg has been included in the list of circuits/destinations identified for intensive development under the National Action Plan for Tourism.

इंडियन एयरलाइन्स के काकपिट कर्मीदल के भोजन-भत्ते में वृद्धि

1549. **श्री विश्वासराव रामराव पाटिल**
डा० बापू कालदाते :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 19 जनवरी, 1991 से इंडियन एयरलाइंस के काकपिट कर्मीदल के भोजन–भत्ते में 50 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि की गई है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या यह 50 प्रतिशत की वृद्धि केबिन कर्मीदल पर भी लागू होगी ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(घ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) यह वृद्धि 1–1–1991 से प्रभावी है।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) काकपिट और केबिन कर्मीदल के लिए भोजन भत्ते में निम्न प्रकार से वृद्धि कर दी गई है।

1–1–1991 से 31–12–1992 तक 1–11–1989 को स्वीकार्य राशि पर 50 % की वृद्धि।

1–1–1993 से 31–12–95 तक—1–11–1989 को स्वीकार्य राशि पर और आगे 50 % की वृद्धि।

(घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Accommodation for Employees of the Pawan Hans Ltd. at Bombay

1550. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Pawan Hans Ltd. has deployed a large number of its employees at Bombay for off-shore operation and promised to provide 82 newly built flats during 1991-92 to such employees but could not make available 42 flats because of the refusal by M/s. Lokhandwala Construction Industries Ltd.

(b) whether the refusal by the builder has been due to unfair trade practice on his part as, this has caused demoralisation in the ranks of the employees of Pawan Hans which may affect its operation; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken in the matter and what is their outcome ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A complaint has been filed by Pawan Hans Limited with the MRTP Commission against M/s Lokhandwala for unfair/restrictive trade practice and for refusal to provide the remaining 40 flats agreed to earlier. The matter is subjudice.